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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TECH IN US

SUBJECT: REPORTED DESAI LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. THE JANUARY 29 "SUNDAY STANDARD" CARRIED AN ARTICLE BY KULDIP NAYAR REPORTING THAT PRIME MINISTER DESAI HAD SENT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER "A FEW DAYS AGO" RESTATING INDIA'S POSITION ON THE NPT, TO WIT, THAT INDIA WOULD ACCEPT FULLSCOPE SAFEGUARDS IF THE US AND THE USSR SIGNED A CTB, DESISTED FROM MANUFACTURING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND ACCEPTED A PHASED REDUCTION AND EVENTUAL ELIMINATION OF THEIR STOCKPILES. NAYAR SAID DESAI ASSURED THE PRESIDENT THAT INDO-US DIFFERENCES IN THE NUCLEAR SPHERE "WOULD NOT COME IN THE WAY" OF THE TWO COUNTRIES' CLOSE RELATIONSHIP; AT THE SAME TIME, INDIA REITERATED TO SOVIET OFFICIALS IN NEW DELHI THAT INDO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP WAS NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF INDO-SOVIET RELATIONS. NAYAR COMMENTED THAT "MOSCOW IS SAID TO BE MORE RIGID THAN WASHINGTON" REGARDING THE NPT.

2. THE ARTICLE SPECULATED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER
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WAS DESIGNED TO HEAD OFF A "COLD AND VERY BLUNT" NOTE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, AND NAYAR SUGGESTED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT "MAY ALLOW THE MATTER TO REST" UNTIL DESAI'S VISIT TO THE US "IN MAY." HE OBSERVED THAT DESAI HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO ADDRESS THE US CONGRESS AT THAT TIME "TO CONVINCE IT OF INDIA'S 'CORRECT' STANCE."
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